

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, primary care is first-contact, comprehensive medical care administered to people with a wide variety of health concerns; and

WHEREAS, primary care providers include specialists in family and internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry, and other fields; and

WHEREAS, primary care professionals provide a constant source of cost-effective services to their patients including preventive care, urgent treatment for acute disorders, and continuity of care for chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Breaking Down Barriers: Health Literacy in Community Health," the 2005 observance of National Primary Care Week aims to inform health professions students about the importance of community-responsive primary care and encourage their participation on future primary care teams while educating residents on the necessity of proficient health care to an improved quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 16 – 22, 2005, as

PRIMARY CARE WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the important contributions of general practitioners and primary care providers to our health care delivery system.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA